

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. If they are allowed to air programming like this, it will be a sad day for all that America stands for. That is where the FCC comes in.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Please stop this insanity. Your role in service to the American people should be to regulate programming so that the public is presented with things that allow an option to come to our own conclusions. From my point of view, you have been failing at this job in the recent past, by ignoring problems that matter like this, and focusing on petty issues (Janet Jackson, who should apparently be ashamed of the human body, the way nature made it. Also Howard Stern, who only exercises his right to free speech. Those who don't like him, can do what I do and not listen to him). Please end this pattern by putting a stop to blatantly calculated efforts to sway public opinion the way that Sinclair intends to do with this kind of programming. Thank you.

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